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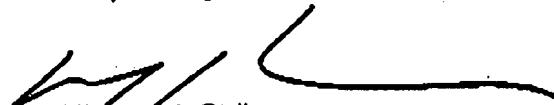
Reference is made to the attached Notification of Abandonment of the subject application dated August 15, 2007.

Applicant wishes to confirm that in the decision rendered by the Petition's branch on July 23, 2007 applicant was given a period of two months within which to respond thereto.

Applicant wishes to further confirm that on July 31, 2007 a renewed Petition with supporting documents under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed and is currently pending.

Accordingly, it is not intended that the subject application remain abandoned, and consideration of the renewed petition as described above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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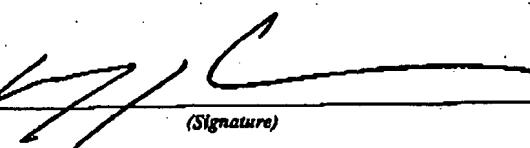
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NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

- per decision dated 23 July 2007

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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